

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request entry of the enclosed amendments to the claims of this application. The proposed claim amendments are responsive to the suggested terminology changes requested by the Office Action mailed on 06/04/2003. Therefore under 37 CFR 1.116(b) these amendments are responsive to an objection or requirement or form from the Office Action and should be entered. Applicants believe that the claims as amended would present the claims in better form for the Appeal. Claims 1 and 8 through 19 are cancelled without prejudice. Claims 2 through 7 and claims 20 through 23 are presently pending in the application.

SUMMARY

Applicants have filed a Notice of Appeal on 10/03/2003.

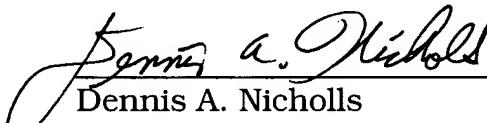
Applicants therefore respectfully request that the presented claims amendments be entered.

If the Examiner finds any remaining impediment to the prompt allowance of these claims that could be clarified with a telephone conference, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact applicants' representative, Dennis A. Nicholls, at (408) 765-5789.

Authorization is hereby given to charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 for any charges that may be due.

Respectfully submitted,

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